

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A binder slurry for a continuous filament mat used in a phenolic pultrusion process comprising:
a phenolic compatible silane; ~~and~~
a polyvinyl acetate/silane copolymer[[,]];
a non-ionic surfactant; and
a defoamer, said phenolic compatible silane, ~~and~~ said polyvinyl acetate/silane copolymer, said non-ionic surfactant, and said defoamer forming a binder slurry for continuous filament mats used in a phenolic pultrusion process, wherein said process includes applying said binder slurry being applied to sized continuous fiber strands forming said continuous filament mat prior to said continuous filament mat being dipped in a phenolic bath, and
wherein said binder slurry provides a compatible interface for phenolic resin systems.
2. (Currently Amended) The binder slurry of claim 1, further comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of ~~a non-ionic surfactant, a defoamer,~~ water and an organic acid.
3. (Previously Presented) The binder slurry of claim 2, wherein said organic acid is acetic acid and wherein the pH of said binder slurry is maintained between approximately 4 and 6.
4. (Previously Presented) The binder slurry of claim 1, wherein said phenolic compatible silane comprises a gamma-aminopropyl trimethoxy silane.
- 5.-14. Canceled

15. (Previously Presented) The binder slurry of claim 2, wherein:
- said polyvinyl acetate/silane copolymer is present in said slurry in an amount from about 0.6 to about 4.0 percent by weight;
 - said phenolic compatible silane is present in said slurry in amount from about 0.1 to about 0.6 percent by weight;
 - said non-ionic surfactant is present in said slurry in an amount from about 0.001 to about 0.05 percent by weight; and
 - said defoamer is present in said slurry in an amount from about 0.005 to about 0.05 percent by weight.

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